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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, A study commissioned by the Chicago Tribune concerning the City of Chicago's red light camera program has concluded that the cameras do not reduce crashes that result in injury; and

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WHEREAS, The study found that there was a 22% increase in rear-end collisions; and

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WHEREAS, The study found that the 3-second yellow light times commonly used in Chicago are too short even for drivers observing the speed limit; the City continues to ignore a growing body of research suggesting that adding half a second to yellow light times would give drivers a better chance of stopping safely; such a change could bring down the number of rear-end crashes and red light violations; other cities and states that use red light cameras have chosen to err on the side of caution and safety and have lengthened yellow light times; and

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WHEREAS, On several occasions, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration has used flawed statistics to defend the City's red light camera program, and the program has been besieged with reports concerning corruption and mismanagement; and

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1 WHEREAS, Chicago has the nation's largest red light camera
2 system and the shortest legally allowable yellow light times, a
3 unique and dangerous combination that makes rear-end crashes
4 more likely throughout the city; continuing to utilize these
5 cameras with such a short yellow light time knowingly and
6 willingly puts the citizens of Chicago at risk; therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
10 urge the City of Chicago to immediately dismantle all traffic
11 cameras within its borders; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That we urge all funds derived from said cameras
13 to be deposited into a trust to aid in job training, education,
14 and healthcare; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
16 presented to Mayor Emanuel and all members of the Chicago City
17 Council.